



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "He is a wise man who does not grieve for the things which he has not, but rejoices for those which he has." ~ Epictetus

January 2, 2013

Nominate a Volunteer for the Be More Awards

The Be More Awards is our community's way of honoring and applauding the outstanding, but often unrecognized efforts of our community volunteers. Now is the time to nominate extraordinary volunteers for this prestigious award. Nominations of both individuals and groups are encouraged, and will be accepted through Feb. 1. Awards will be presented at the annual Be More Awards celebration on April 2 at the Buskirk Chumley Theater. Please contact Bet Savich at (812) 349-3472 or volunteer@bloomington.in.gov for more information. (www.BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org/BeMore)

IU Basketball Concessions with Windfall Dancers

Go Hoosiers! You can be a part of this winning season by joining a group of volunteers at a prime concession stand at Assembly Hall. You will have fun working at IU Men's basketball games while helping an area non-profit, Windfall Dancers, raise funds for their organization! This is a convenient, social, and flexible way to contribute to an organization with a rich 34-year Bloomington history. All games are held in Assembly Hall and your worker admission ticket will include a parking pass. Minimum age is 14. Please contact Kay Olges at (812) 334-0506 or kolges@sbcglobal.net. (www.windfalldancers.org)

WonderLab Volunteer Training – Jan. 16

Get trained to be a WonderLab volunteer! Museum volunteers encourage visitors of all ages to explore hands-on exhibits and programs. Each year, more than 900 individuals contribute over 15,000 hours to help WonderLab operate. These volunteers include teens, college students, scientists, educators, business people, parents and senior adults. (There is no retirement age at WonderLab!) Some volunteers bring a wide range of expertise, while others learn new skills on the job. Anyone who believes in the value of hands-on experience is welcome. WonderLab volunteers do not need a background in science as all training is provided. Future training dates are from 5:30-7 on Feb. 7 and from 3:30-5 on March 6. Minimum age is 12. Please contact Jeanne Gunning at (812) 337-1337 ext. 21 or jeanne@wonderlab.org. (www.wonderlab.org)

Make Lap Blankets for Military Children – Jan. 21

You can keep kids cozy this winter by joining the American Legion Auxiliary on Martin Luther King Day to create 50 tied fleece blankets to be given to the children of National Guard Soldiers. This creative and easy project, which will be held from 2-4 p.m. on Jan. 21, is a great way to say thank you to those who serve our country year-round. This is a great family volunteer activity. The minimum age is 17 or 6 if with an adult. Please contact Paula Koons at (812) 320-3871 or pkoons@indiana.edu. (www.legion18.org)

Volunteer Training - Interfaith Winter Shelter – Jan. 28

Contribute to providing a warm, safe place to sleep for homeless community members by attending the upcoming training for the Interfaith Winter Shelter. This training will be held from 6-7 p.m. on Mon., Jan. 28 at First United Church, 2420 E. Third St. RSVP is not necessary – just show up! Training is required for new volunteers and recommended to update experienced ones, and will prepare volunteers for any of the shelter sites, including Trinity Episcopal Church, First Christian Church and First United Methodist Church. Volunteers will then sign up for as many or as few three-hour shifts between 7:30 p.m. and 7:30 a.m. as they would like. The Interfaith Winter Shelter will operate through April 15. Minimum age is 18, except during the setup shift, when children and teens help adult volunteers. Please contact Sara Frommer at (812) 336-5152 or sfrommer@juno.com. (interfaithwintershelter.org/volunteer/training)

Community Wish List Spotlight

Community Kitchen of Monroe County

Provides nutritious meals to anyone in need in our community. To grant a wish, contact Tim Clougher at assistantdirector@monroecommunitykitchen.com or (812) 332-0999. (1515 S. Rogers St.; www.monroecommunitykitchen.com)

Wishes: canned or pouched meat for Backpack Buddies Program, canned vegetables and fruit, grocery gift cards, turkeys, hams, forks, spoons, knives

Use the [Community Wish List](#) to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit bloomington.in.gov/volunteer or call 349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

